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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,.....1,000,000 Dollars.

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Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 , 4 per cent. " "
" 12 , 5 per cent. " "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....£800,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....£150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY,

the 25th June, 1878, at 11 o'clock a.m. precisely, at the Godowns of Messrs NORRIS & CO., Duddell Street.

An Invoice of Assorted PRINTING TYPES, BORDERS, LEADS, &c. also a Lot of PRINTING, CARTRIDGE, LETTER, FOOLSCAP, and NOTE PAPER, and ENVELOPES.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGGE,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, June 6, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

VEYRON'S FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New System, with Automatic Lamp. COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS. SETS of GARDENING UTENSILS. GENTS' TOOL CHESTS. MASSEY'S PATENT LOGS. METALLIC MEASURING TAPES, in strong Leather Cases. SPIRIT LEVELS, HAMMERS, DOG COLLARS and CHAINS. SAILORS' SEWING and ROPING PALMS. COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS, & MAST-HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric Lenses according to the latest Admiralty regulations. DIOPTRIC LENSES for Signal Lamps. POTHOLE GLASSES, assorted sizes. BOOKS.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE BOOKS. LETTS'S DIARIES, for 1878. NOVELS. SCHOOL BOOKS. WORKS of REFERENCE and GIFT BOOKS. SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

IMPERIAL TRACING PAPER. RODGERS CELEBRATED CUTLERY. MAPPIN Bro.'s SCISSORS. MANIFOLD WRITERS. LETTER SCALES. STATIONERY of ALL KINDS. BROWN WRAPPING PAPER. CARD-HOARD, Assorted Colours. DATE RACKS. INVOICE FILES. QUILL PEN-MAKING MACHINES. UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING INK. MAUVE INK.

MAYNARD & NOYES' WRITING and COPYING INK. MUCILAGE, &c., &c., &c.

KELLY & WALSH'S CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE, and

HAPPY THOUGHT TOBACCO. Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGARETTES, &c., &c.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Hhds. and Kilderkins.

FINEst CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves.)

CUT and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent), shortly CRYSTALIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/11*.

FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/11*.

Medium WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/11*.

Fine YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 1/11.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) B.I.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and

MOLASSES.

SPIRITS of WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 50°, O.P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

PURDON & CO.

China, April 30, 1878.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Mikado* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. on Monday, the 10th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARLINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, June 8, 1878. jol5

BRITISH BARK *HYLTON CASTLE*, FROM GLASGOW.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 30, 1878.

SIR HARRY PARKES, FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignee of Cargo by him are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Ex "Yangtze."

MF & O Order, 2 cases Furn. from ture, London.

L (in diamond) 180/85 & 186 Or. B. der, 8 cases Cotton, ...

M W (in triangle) 1/26 Order, ...

GS 26 cases Metal, ...

SP (in triangle) Order, 100 bags from Sharp Stones, Madras.

June 6, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. YANG-TSE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. India, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee before To-morrow, the 30th Instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 5th June, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, May 30, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

DEVANIA, British barque, Capt. William May—Melchers & Co.

AMERICA, British steamer, Captain J. Graham—Birley & Co.

ANNIE LOWRAY, British barque, Captain B. Galea—Borneo Co., Limited.

W. H. DURV, American 3-m. schooner, Captain L. S. Endicott—Meyer & Co.

OLYMP, British barque, Captain John J. Scott—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

MARTHA BROCKELMANN, German barque, Captain Kluth—Meyer & Co.

ELEANOR, British barque, Captain Goo. Johnson—Meyer & Co.

To-day's ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR LONDON.

The 41 British Clipper Ship

"SIR HARRY PARKES,"

G. CHARMAN, Master, having

the greater portion of her

Cargo engaged, will meet with quick

dispatch.

For Freight, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, June 12, 1878. jol5

FROM HAMBURG & SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Ariadna*, C. J. DUDLEY, Master,

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo

are hereby informed that their Goods

are being landed at their risk and stored in

the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence

and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery

may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the

15th June will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SLEMMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 12, 1878. jol5

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Spanish Steamer

"PASIG,"

Captain ZAVALA, will be de-

spatched as above on FEI-

DAY, the 13th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, June 12, 1878. jol5

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 11, Asia, Danish steamer, 880,

Djörup, Hamburg April 17, via ports of

call, and Singapore, General—SIEMSEN &

Co.

June 12, Amoy, British steamer, from Canton.

June 12, Thibet, British steamer, 1871,

J. H. Torbeck, Shanghai June 9, Mails and

General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

June 12, Douglas, British steamer, 864,

Geo. D. Pitman, Foochow June 9, Amoy

10, and Swatow 11. General—DOUGLAS

LAPRAIK & Co.

June 12, *Fernambuco*, British steamer, 643, Wm. Hyde, Bangkok June 4, Rice—

MILCHERS & Co.

June 12, Norma, British steamer, 606,

Walker, Swatow June 11, General—Kwok

ACHEONG.

June 12, Zamboanga, Spanish steamer, 750,

Aranguren, Hiphong June 10, General—

REMEDIOS & Co.

June 12, Elizabeth Childs, British barque, 391,

C. E. Lindberg, Hamburg Jan. 30,

General—MAYER & Co.

June 12, Esperance, French barque, 272,

Guillon, Bangkok May 23, Rice—CARLO-

WITT & Co.

June 12, Guam, British brig, 290, Mc-

Gregor, Bangkok May 23, Salt—BORNEO

Co., LIMITED.

DEPARTURES.

June 12, Koror, for Whampoa.

12, Gustav, for Manila.

12, Annie, for Bangkok.

12, Danube, for Bangkok.

12, Advance, for Bangkok.

12, Quarta, for Saigon.

12, Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.

12, Kara, for Salson.

Cleared.

Countess of Errol, for Foochow.

North Star, for Callao.

Washi, for Labuan.

Sedan, for Manila.

Amoy, for Shanghai.

Great Admiral, for San Francisco.

Borneo, for Guam.

Otto, for Iloilo.

Brisbane, for Singapore.

Caldera, for Keeling.

Yutung, for Swatow.

Maharajah, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Asia, from Hamburg, Messrs S.

Newman, R. Holmgren, H. Meinken, C.

Ehlemeier, and Mad. Pederson.

Per Thibet, from Shanghai, Dr. Frazer,

Mr. Hopkins, and 26 Chinese.

Per Douglas, from Coast Ports, Mr and

Mrs Smith, Messrs Dalrymple, Murton,

Anderson, and Wickham, Mr. and Mrs.

Chisholm, and 20 Chinese.

Per Danube, for Bangkok, 84 Chinese.

Per Quarta, for Saigon, 75 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Washi, Mr. Alfred Dent,

Baron G. von Overbeck, Messrs John

Wall (Secretary), W. Harwood, and J.

Dobres, and servants.

Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 1 European,

and 15 Chinese.

Per Great Admiral, for San Francisco,

Messrs Bernard and C. Caldwell, and 20

Chinese.

Per Borneo, for Guam, 1 European.

Per Otto, for Iloilo, 1 European.

Per Yutung, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Danish steamer *Asia* reports: On

10th June passed a British steamer showing

J. Q. G. T., 18 N. and 118.30 E.

Police Intelligence.
(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)
June 12, 1878.

LARCENY.

Yeong Alai, a coolie, was charged with stealing a piece of wood from Messrs Meyer & Co.'s godown at Wanchai.—Mr Julius Scier said, he watched the defendant from a ship which was lying alongside of the wharf, and by the aid of a telescope, distinctly saw him loiter about the godown until some men who were near him had left the godown. He then took his trousers and shouldering the piece of wood walked off with it, and was arrested by the foreman of the godown.—Defendant admitted having been one month in Gaol for unlawful possession and pleaded poverty as an excuse for his present offence. He was sent to three months' imprisonment, the last two weeks of which were to be in solitary confinement.

DRUNKENNESS.

James Rodrook, seaman British ship *Palestine*, was fined 20 cents for being drunk and incapable.

Frederick Charrington, seaman British steamer *Mikado*, was fined \$1 for being drunk, and attempting to assault Sergeant Grant in the execution of his duty.

A MODEL POLICEMAN.

Sikh Constable No. 671, was fined \$5 for defiling the stream which supplies the tank at the Albany by washing his person therein. A gun lascar remonstrated with him, and the defendant then set upon him and beat him. Mr Creagh ordered that the lascar receive \$2 of the fine as compensation.

Marine Court.

(Before J. P. McEuen, Esq., Acting Marine Magistrate.)

June 12, 1878.

REFUSAL OF DUTY.

John Allen, seaman British barque *The Gooloo*, was charged with refusal of duty. He gave as his reason that he wanted to see a Magistrate. He had been fighting on board the vessel in the morning, and the Captain gave orders that he should be sent down to the between decks to work, to keep him apart from the other men; hence his refusal to work. The Captain told him that he should have an opportunity of seeing a Magistrate as soon as he (the Captain) was well enough to go on shore. The last time defendant went on shore on a similar errand, he stayed away for two days. Defendant next complained of slothiness, and when the doctor came on board defendant received some medicine. On Monday defendant again requested to see a Magistrate and was told the Public Offices were closed. The Captain showed him the notice in the newspaper, and he said he did not care what was in the paper, he would either see a Magistrate or the Harbour Master. He did no more work after this.

Defendant admitted going to the ship, but said he was afraid to go in the ship as he had been threatened by the Mate and Captain. 14 days' hard labour.

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

James Hockmore, fireman British steamer *Malabar*, was charged with the above offence. He admitted the charge, but said he was tipsy at the time. To forfeit 12 days' pay.

DRUNK AND DISORDINARY.

Isaac Day, seaman American ship *Wandering Jew*, admitted being guilty of the above offence; he said he had a bottle of grog on board to treat his shipmates.—Fined \$2.

BREACH OF HARBOUR REGULATIONS.

Lan Fat, master of licensed cargo-boat No. 557, was charged by Inspector Swanson with leaving the harbour of Victoria without a clearance. The defendant had been previously cautioned.

The case was remanded until 1 p.m. to-morrow for the attendance of a Police Magistrate.

China.

FOCHOW.

(Herald, June 6th.)

The Customs cruiser *Ling Feng* arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 31st ultimo from Kelung. She will, we believe leave for Wenchow almost immediately.

Few foreign residents can call to mind sharper rain storms than those which visited the Foreign Settlement and Pagoda Anchorage on the afternoon of the 30th and 31st ultimo. Wind and rain came down with great fierceness on both occasions, and caused considerable inconvenience and some damage in the native quarter.

A chair coolie in foreign employ, was drowned last night near the Customs' jetty, under circumstances which we would fain believe to be possible only in a country where indifference to the value of human life is so notoriously the prevailing sentiment. Some time after midnight, a foreign resident—just returned to the Settlement from Pagoda Anchorage—despatched one of his chair coolies on an errand to his houseboat, then laying abreast of the Custom House. By some mischance, the unfortunate coolie in endeavouring to get on board the houseboat missed his foot-hold, and fell into the water; and, though several boatmen were standing by at the time, we are reliably informed that not a single effort was made to save the poor struggling man.

To—Owing, in a great measure, to the reduced supply of tea descriptions, there has been less apparent anxiety to relieve teamen of certain unpleasant responsibility in regard to the holding of stock. Extensive arrivals of inferior flavor to medium grades of *Congou* have taken place during the week, and these kinds have been purchased to a fair extent at about a reduction of from Tls. 1 & 2 per picul on opening rates. At the same time, nearly all parcels of good medium to finest quality have commanded extreme prices, if not a positive advance on the enhanced quotations current at date of our last report. The total supply of *Congou* now exceeds 800,000 chests, being fully 100,000 chests in excess of the arrivals at corresponding period last season. Of this unusually heavy quantity, only a very small proportion of fine to finest grades remain in native hands, and, while further arrivals of first crop leaf may be looked for during the ensuing fortnight, the supply of fine descriptions must be considered as practically at an end.

Two large arrivals of moderate quantity

during the week, but the quality, so far, does not appear to attract buyers at the high prices asked by native dealers. A small business in *Oolong* and *Scented Tea* takes place at somewhat easier rates.

Settlements from 30th May to 5th June:—
Congou 90,640 chests, at Tls. 24 & 33 per picul, (short). *Oolong* 2,078 1/2 chests at Tls. 18 & 19 per picul, (short). *Pekoe* 324 chests at Tls. 55 & 70 per picul, (short). *Scented Tea* 5,170 boxes at Tls. 24 & 31 1/2 per picul, (short).

Total arrivals of *Congou*, 90,640 chests, " settlements" 223,005

Stock, 84,210 Total arrivals of *Souchong*, 6,000 chests, " settlements" 884

Stock, 5,916 Total arrivals of *Oolong*, 7,589 " chests, " settlements" 6,570

Stock, 3,690 Total arrivals of *Fl. Pekoe*, 17,000 boxes, " settlements" 295

Stock, 505 Total arrivals of *Sc. Tea*, 10,410 " settlements" 6,590

Against 3 vessels last year.....lbs. 16,894,113

date last year, while Re-exports shew an increase of 2,381,105 lbs.

Business reported during the fortnight is as follows:—

1878. 1877.
Settlements 42,930 Chests. 32,010 Chests.
" 807,390 " 275,230 "

" 6,760 Box. 4,500 Box.

Shipments to *Shai* Nil. 5,880 Chests.

The following are the departures for London:—

May 22nd, Steamer *Glenagles*..... 2,887,937

" 23rd " *Loudoun Castle* 2,672,432

" 26th " *Glenartney* 2,416,601

" 28th " *Ocean King* 2,545,600

" 30th " *Radnorshire* 2,198,724

" June 1st, " *Glenearn* 1,826,632

" " *Sarpedon* 2,846,166

Ibs. 16,894,113

Again 3 vessels last year.....lbs. 16,958,629

Japan.

(Mail.)

Early in the week the Mitsu Bishi Company published the revised tariff for freight and passage by their steamers that has been for some time in contemplation, and which will take effect on the 5th instant. All the rates to Shanghai and the way ports have been raised, but so slightly that the advance cannot press heavily on anyone, and even now the passage money to Shanghai is considerably under the amount charged by the P. & O. and M. M. Companies for a passage to Hongkong, occupying just about the same time. The first class passage to Shanghai will cost \$75, to Nagasaki \$55, and to Kobe \$18, while the freight to these ports is respectively \$6, \$4.50, and \$3 per ton, the usual return of 10 per cent. being made on return tickets. A first class passage to Hakodate will cost \$24 only and the freight will be \$6 per ton. These rates cannot be considered excessive, and we trust the extra charge will have a beneficial effect on the finances of the Company.

It is announced in the native papers that the Chief Judge of the *Daishin-In*, Mr Tamano, waited on the Mikado a few days ago in order to lay before His Majesty full particulars of the confessions made by the assassins of the late Home Minister, Shimada Ichiro, a samurai of the Ishikawa *Ken*, was the acknowledged leader, and it appears that he induced the others to join him in the plot to assassinate Okubo by persuading them that the police constable Nakahara and others were sent to Kagoshima by the deceased Minister for the express purpose of assassinating Saigo Takamori. The murderers of Okubo pretended to have believed up to the time of their trial in the watchful nature of this assassination plot, and so tried to justify their resentment against Okubo, and it was only when the written confession of Oyama Tsunayoshi—the late Governor of Kagoshima whose life just paid the penalty of his treachery—was shown to them during their examination, that they all, with the exception of Shimada, affected remorse at the crime they had committed, and expressed their belief that Okubo was innocent of the offence they sought to impute to him. It will at once be apparent how shallow this pretence is, as the confession of Oyama was published by the native press at the time it was made, and there was scarcely a leading journal in the country that did not freely comment on it.

The five pretended dukes of Shimada further asserted that they are ignorant of the contents of the manifesto issued in justification of their actions, though it is rather strange that the *Choya Shimbum* stated that the document in question bore the names of all of them. Shimada, who posted the document to the *Choya*, stated on cross-examination that it was actually written by a man named Mutu Sei-ichi, not yet in custody, who withdrew from the plot for fear of the consequences to his wife and children. At the trial it was elicited that Shimada struck the first blow which disabled the horse and so stopped the carriage. Okubo attempted to leave the carriage by the left hand door, but seeing Cho Rengo standing by it with a drawn sword, turned and opened the right hand door, but there encountered Shimada who inflicted the first wound on him. Okubo was then despatched by repeated stabs from all the assassins, who threw down their weapons on the completion of their bloody work and left the spot. As they were retiring they saw another carriage, the occupant of which they supposed was Mr Okuma, the Minister of Finance, and coolly confess that having but one pistol in their possession they did not feel themselves in a position to attack him also.

(Tokio Times.)

The arrangements for His Majesty's route, on his journey through the central northern provinces, are understood to be as follows. From Tokio he will go to Takasaki and Mayebashi in Jishu; thence through Shinshu to Takata and Kashiwazaki in Echigo; thence to Niigata and Nagato, returning to Kashiwazaki; next to Kaga, and through Echizen by way of the *Dojukin* *Do*, finally skirting Lake Biwa and passing through Otsu to Kioto. After sojourning there some days he will come back to the capital by the *To Kai Do*. His Majesty will be accompanied by H.E. Mr Iwakura, U Dai Jin, etc.

It is understood that H.E. Arinori Mori, lately returned from the legation in China, will take the second position in the Department of Foreign Affairs. Mr Mori once before served in this capacity, as *Guai-mu Ta-yu*, the same as that held by H.E. Mr Sanomatsu before his departure for Europe.

Mr Yosikawa, director of the telegraph bureau, has returned to Tokio. It will be remembered that he had reached Singapore on his way to London, to attend the expected telegraph convention, but was recalled upon receipt of information that the congress would be postponed for the present in consequence of the threatening aspect of European affairs.

A rumor spreads that H.E. Mr Tanaka, who has long filled the post of Vice Minister of Public Instruction, and shown in that capacity a high degree of congenial sympathy with his special duties as well as practical ability, is to be appointed envoy to Italy in place of General Saigo, recently entrusted with control of Mr Tanaka's department. The last of the remaining French attachés of the Yokosuka arsenal and navy yard, Messrs. Yerger Charles, and Alois, are about to return to Europe, their terms of engagement having expired. The English mission will thereafter be entirely under Japanese management.

According to Japanese newspapers the belief grows stronger daily that Mr Imamura Kacura will be made *Sangi* and Minister of Public Works on his return from England. Tokyo newspapers contain reports that Mr Yosuke Yodo, now Vice Minister of the

Department of Public Works, will succeed Mr Mori as minister at Peking.

The orders recently issued by the United States Secretary of the Navy, requiring a stricter enforcement of the regulations against the "coolie" trade that has been practised of late are owing to the discovery that American vessels are secretly engaged in transporting laborers from various Chinese ports to the Sandwich Islands. Mr Thompson recites the laws bearing upon the subject, and instructs the officers of all ships of war under his control to keep strict watch upon the Asiatic coast, and in the event of detecting any attempt to pursue this traffic to make immediate seizure and convey the offending party to the nearest port or district in the United States, there to be dealt with according to justice.

The order applies to Japanese as well as Chinese "coolies," but the reference to the former is superfluous, as Japan is and always has been on the alert to prevent any such ensnaring of her own people.

held to-day to consider what measures Austria-Hungary ought to take in the present state of affairs. Mr Layard yesterday received a deputation of Roumelian Mussulmans, pressing him to urge England to ask for European intervention to stop the atrocities perpetrated by the Bu гары. The Mussulman insurgents are well officered and their positions are very strong, whilst they have an abundant supply of ammunition. The Grand Duke Nicholas will Monday next review ninety-six battalions of infantry, thirty-four squadrons of cavalry, and thirty batteries of artillery. A larger force could have been present but for the great amount of sickness which prevails among the troops at San Stefano. It has been decided by the Russians not to persevere in their intention of sending the soldiers and officers to attend service in the Constantinople Greek Churches to-morrow. Bucharest has been entirely evacuated by the Roumelian regular troops. The Gendarmes will leave shortly, and the duty of preserving order will devolve on the National Guard. We learn from Bombay that the first detachment of Indian troops for Malta will leave on the 29th, and the second on May 1.

Great enthusiasm is said to prevail throughout India, and native troops are volunteering for service. The Servian Minister of War is preparing an order calling to the colours all its subjects liable to military service. The negotiations with the insurgents in Thessaly have led to a short informal armistice. The Turks refuse, however, to recognise the insurrection, and the insurgents have no faith in their prospects of kind treatment after surrender.

MONDAY, April 23.—A telegram received in Vienna from Constantinople states that the negotiations for the simultaneous withdrawal of the Russian troops and the British fleet have been successful, and that an agreement is to be immediately signed. The news is not confirmed. The Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News*, while confirming the statement that the mediation of Germany has not been abandoned, says that little hope of success in fact, as it is not clear that the Beaconsfield Cabinet is disposed of making a settlement easy. As to the policy of Italy in regard to the Eastern Question, the *Diritti*, the Ministerial organ, positively denies that the Government have either associated themselves with Germany and Austria, or invited the British Cabinet to the Rambles Museum.

The Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to devise some measures to insure regularity in delivery of gambier in a proper state dryness have made their report, which is to be considered at a general meeting of the Chamber on Monday next. They recommend, it is understood, the appointment of a Committee of arbitration to decide all disputes between dealers and merchants, the committee to consist of two members of the Chamber with an umpire, members to take their turn of duty every month.

Some stir is at last being made with regard to the defence of the port. Heavy guns and torpedoes are reported to be on the way out, and tenders have been advertised for by Government for the construction of the proposed works, which are under the superintendence of Lieut. Henry E. McCallum, R.E.

Three steamers with the new season's Tea have passed through during the week ending June 1st, the *Fochow* steamers reported to be on the way out, and tenders have been advertised for by Government for the construction of the proposed works, which are under the superintendence of Lieut. Henry E. McCallum, R.E.

The weather has been pretty cool during the week, and a good deal of rain has fallen.

DIARY OF THE EASTERN QUESTION.

(Compiled from the London Daily Papers.)

FRIDAY, April 26.—The *Agence Russa* repeats the statement that negotiations between the British and Russian Cabinets continue to be carried on in a friendly manner, and through the mediation of Germany. It also says that the Congress will be preceded by an exchange of views between the Cabinets upon the principal questions at issue, and a preliminary conference will be held to decide upon the formalities to be observed.

The *Agence Russa* adds that England demands more from Russia than an acknowledgment of the European character of the questions raised by recent events in the East. From Vienna we hear that imminent war is universally believed in there, but it is taken for granted that Austria will have no share in it. At Paris the hopes which had been raised by the announcement of the German mediation have entirely disappeared. The *Daily News* correspondent at St. Petersburg says the negotiations do not advance as quickly as the armaments, and the real object of the Beaconsfield Cabinet appears to be to gain time in order to prepare for war.

Prince Gortschakoff is a great deal better off having left him. It is announced from the Berlin that the illness of Prince Bismarck does not appear to be of a serious character, and that a speedy recovery is expected. A Reuter's telegram from Constantinople says that a Circular has been issued by the Port respecting the Treaty of San Stefano. Roumania is doing all it can to avert the fate threatened by Russia.

The *Prince*, the *Daily Chronicle* special correspondent, has sent a million francs to Paris for the purchase of arms, and has contracted with an English firm for the laying down of a railway from the capital to Ploesti. Russia continues her threats, and Roumania her opposition. Prince Milan of Serbia has received from the *Prince* an autograph letter, in which his Majesty acknowledges in the most flattering terms the bravery of the Serbian troops, and thanks them for the services they have rendered. The *Prince* also assures Prince Milan that all possible regard shall be paid to the wishes of Serbia. The Turks have refused to grant an armistice to the insurgents in Thrace, but have undertaken not to make any attack during the progress of the negotiations which the English consul will commence with the insurgent leaders on Monday.

SATURDAY, April 27.—According to the *North German Gazette*, the action of diplomacy now enters in the answer to be given by England to Italy, in reply to her request for information as to the real policy of the British Government in the East. That policy must sooner or later be made known, and it will, the *North German Gazette* says, ultimately be decisive of the Eastern crisis. The *Daily Telegraph* Paris correspondent telegraphs that the Russians have raised objections to the propositions of Prince Bismarck on the ground that they have been considered too beneficial to England. The negotiation, it is added, is suspended for a time. The *Agence Russa* gives a denial to the report that Germany had withdrawn her mediation, and declares that the powers are continuing. The *St. Petersburg Journal* hopes there is some sincerity in the new tendency which it says England now displays to recognize the opportunities of exchange of views prior to the meeting of the Congress, in regard to the possibility of arriving at an understanding. At Pechora the situation is regarded as very critical.

SUNDAY, May 1.—A Paris evening paper publishes the following telegram from Berlin

Mails.



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H. du POUYRY,
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Exclusives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

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Steamers							
America	4 h	Brit. str.	563	May 13	Bisley & Co.	Shanghai	Kiang Dock To-morrow
Amoy	4 h	Brit. str.	814	June 12	Siemens & Co.	For Sale	For Sale
Argentino	8 h	Brit. str.	915	April 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	15th, 3 p.m.	Laid up
Aratoon Apear	5 c	Macau	1392	June 12	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Spur, Calcutta, &c.	Cotton Dock
Asla	5 c	Djörup	880	June 12	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Coast Ports	To-day
Benledi	2 h	Buchanan	749	Feb			